#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS GALVESTON DIVISION

CONSTEANCE PERRY and	§		
WADE EATON	§		
Plaintiffs	§		
	§		
V.	§	C. A. NO.	3:19-cv-222
	§		
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	§		
INSURANCE COMPANY,	§		
Defendant.	§		

# INDEX OF PLEADINGS, ANSWERS TO PLEADINGS, PROCESS, AND ORDERS FROM STATE COURT ACTION

The following is an index of the pleadings, answers to pleadings, process, and orders entered by the state court in as Cause No. 102229-CV; *Consteance Perry v. Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company*; 239<sup>th</sup> District Court of Brazoria County, Texas:

#### **EXHIBIT A** Original Answer

Unexecuted Service Request

**Docket Sheet** 

Pleadings

# **EXHIBIT A**

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Dianne Hash 909 Fannin, Suite 3300 Houston, TX 77095 77010 June 18, 2019

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RE: Cause No. 102229-CV in the 239th District Court

Style: Consteance Perry, et al vs. Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company

Dear Ma'am,

The certified copies of all case documents and case summary requested June 18, 2019 have been attached.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

RHONDA BARCHAK, District Clerk

Enclosure CC: file

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## CASE SUMMARY

**CASE NO. 102229-CV** 

Consteance Perry, et al

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company

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Location: 239th District Court

Judicial Officer: Sebesta, Patrick Filed on: 04/15/2019

CASE INFORMATION

Case Type:

Contract -

Consumer/Commercial/Debt

**Current Case Assignment** 

Case Number

102229-CV

Court

239th District Court

Date Assigned

04/15/2019

Judicial Officer

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PARTY INFORMATION

**Plaintiff** 

Eaton, Wade

Perry, Consteance

Lead Attorneys

Humphreys, Mark S.

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Defendant

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company

INDEX EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT 04/15/2019 Original Petition (1-10 Plaintiffs) (OCA) Party: Plaintiff Perry, Consteance; Plaintiff Eaton, Wade Plaintiffs' Original Petition (with Disclosure Request) - Consteance Perry and Wade Eaton 04/15/2019 Docket Sheet 06/07/2019 🔼 Request Process Request Form 06/07/2019 Citation Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original record on file in my office. Given under my hand and seal of the court at my office in Angleton, Texas.

RHOMDA BARCHAK, DISTRICT CLERK

By SULLARA WILLIAM STATEMENT CLERK

6-18-2019



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Cause No.	229-CV		
Consteance Perry and Wade Eaton	§	In theJ	Judicial
V.	8	District Court	of
Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company	8	Brazoria Cour	nty, Texas

# PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION (with Disclosure Request)

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES Plaintiff Consteance Perry (796/192) and Wade Eaton, hereinafter called Plaintiffs, complaining of and about Defendant Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company, hereinafter called Defendant, and for cause of action shows unto the Court the following:

#### **SERVICE**

1. Defendant **Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company** is an insurance company, doing business in the State of Texas. Said Defendant can be served through its attorney for service: <u>Corporation Service</u> Company, 211 East 7<sup>TH</sup> Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701-3218.

#### **JURISDICTION**

2. The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court in that Plaintiff seeks recovery of over \$200,000.00 but less than \$1,000,000.00.

#### **VENUE**

3. Pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, §15.032, venue in Brazoria County is proper in this cause in that it is where the beneficiary resides.

#### AGENCY AND VICARIOUS LIABILITY.

4. Whenever in this Petition it is alleged that Defendant did any act or thing or omission, it is meant that Defendant, its officers, agents, employees, or representatives did such act or thing or omission and that at the time such act or thing was done, it was done with the full authorization or ratification of Defendant or was done in the normal and routine course and scope of employment of Defendant, its officers, agents, employees, or representatives.

#### WRITTEN NOTICE GIVEN.

5. Plaintiff has fully complied with all of the conditions precedent prior to bringing this suit.

6. Notice letter was issued February 4, 2019, and this lawsuit is being filed after the expiration of 60 days.

#### **FACTS**

- 7. Tonya Eaton had a policy of accidental death insurance with Defendant, policy number 50ADI-665192-92M.
- 8. On October 4, 2018, the policy was in full force and effect.
- 9. On October 4, 2018, Tonya died of an accidental death.
- 10. Consteance Perry (Consteance) and Wade Eaton (Wade) were beneficiaries of Tonya's policy.
- 11. As was required by the policy, a claim was promptly made for policy benefits. Consteance and Wade fully cooperated with Defendant's investigation of their claim.
- 12. Defendant requested certain information from Plaintiffs. Information that was promptly provided to Defendant on October 16, 2018.
- 13. Since October 16, 2018, Plaintiffs have made repeated attempts to get someone to talk to her about the status of her claim for benefits.
- 14. No one with Mutual will speak with Plaintiffs.
- 15. As of the date of this letter, there has been no further communication of any type with either Plaintiff.
- 16. The policy at issue is an Accidental Death policy and the death has been ruled an accident on the Death Certificate.
- 17. The policy benefits are \$200,000.00 with 50% to Consteance and 50% to Wade.

#### **VIOLATIONS OF THE TEXAS INSURANCE CODE**

- 18. Plaintiff incorporates herein all the FACTS as set forth above.
- 19. Defendant's conduct in this matter appears to be in violation of numerous laws, including but not limited to Texas Insurance Code (TIC), as follows:
  - a. <u>TIC § 541.060(a)(2)(A):</u> Defendant have violated this section by failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of a claim with respect to which the insurer's liability has become reasonably clear in that research on Defendant's part would show that the above FACTS are true and correct and that Defendant have failed to follow Texas law regarding the Texas Prompt Payment of Claims Act by requesting further information or paying or denying the claim within 15 business days.

b. TIC § 541.060(a)(4): Defendant have violated this section by failing to within a reasonable time to affirm or deny coverage of a claim to a policyholder in that Defendant had all the information Defendant reasonably needed to accept or deny coverage on or about October 16, 2018, yet Defendant have not affirmed or denied coverage.

#### **BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 20. Plaintiff incorporates herein all the FACTS as set forth above.
- 21. Defendant's conduct in this matter appears to be in Breach of Contract:
- 22. There is a valid, enforceable contract of insurance between Defendant and the policy beneficiaries Consteance Perry and Wade Eaton.
- 23. Plaintiffs are proper parties to bring this lawsuit against Defendant.
- 24. Plaintiffs have performed under the contract by cooperating with Defendant's investigation.
- 25. Defendant has breached the contract by not providing benefits.
- 26. Defendant's breach of the contract has caused injury to Plaintiffs.

#### PROMPT PAYMENT OF CLAIMS ACT

- 27. Plaintiff incorporates herein all the FACTS as set forth above.
- 28. Defendant had all the information needed to pay Plaintiff's claim on or before November 6, 2018. As a result, this claim should have been accepted and paid by November 6, 2018.
- 29. Defendant is liable as penalty at an interest of 18% a year on the policy benefits of plus attorneys' fees.

#### DAMAGES.

- 30. Plaintiff incorporates herein all the facts as set forth above.
- 31. Plaintiff sustained the following economic and actual damages as a result of the actions and/or omissions of Defendant described herein:
  - a. \$200,000.00 actual damages
  - b. Exemplary damages due to the knowing and intentional conduct on Defendant's part.
  - c. Mental anguish damages resulting from Defendant's conduct, (\$25,000 each to Consteance and Wade.)
  - d. Reasonable and necessary attorney fees resulting from Defendant's conduct.

e. Penalty at 18%, from November 6, 2018, on actual damages until paid.

#### **DISCOVERY - REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE TO DEFENDANT:**

- 32. Pursuant to Rule 194 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, **Defendant Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company** is requested to disclose, within fifty (50) days of service of this request, the information or material as set forth in R.194.2(a) through R.194.2(l). A response to a request under Rule 194.2(f) is due according to Rule 195.2 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 33. The disclosures must be signed in accordance with Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 191.3, and delivered to the undersigned attorney. If a Defendant fails to comply with the requirements above, the Court may order sanctions against such Defendant in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

#### **USE OF DOCUMENTS:**

34. Pursuant to Rule §193.7 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby gives notice to the Defendant that she intends to use all documents exchanged and produced between the parties (including, but not limited to, correspondence, pleadings, records, and discovery responses) during the trial of this matter.

#### ATTORNEY'S FEES.

35. Request is made for all costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by or on behalf of Plaintiff herein, including all fees necessary in the event of an appeal of this cause to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas, as the Court deems equitable and just, as provided by: (a) §541.152(a)(1), of the Texas Insurance Code; (b) Chapter 38 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; and, (c) common law.

#### PRE-JUDGMENT INTEREST.

36. As a result of the injuries sustained by Plaintiff as aforesaid and in addition to such damages, Plaintiff will show that he is entitled to pre-judgment interest on each separate element of damages as awarded by the jury during the trial of this case, from and after the date of accrual of such damages, through the date of judgment, such interest to accrue at the highest prevailing rate then applicable on the date of judgment.

#### POST JUDGMENT INTEREST.

37. As a result of the injuries sustained by Plaintiff and in addition to such damages, Plaintiff will show that he is entitled to post-judgment interest on damages awarded by the jury during the trial of this case, from and after the date of judgment, such interest to accrue at the highest prevailing rate then applicable until paid in full.

#### COSTS OF SUIT.

38. In addition, Plaintiff seeks all related costs of suit in this cause of action through the trial, post-trial, appeal, and/or post-judgment discovery, etc. of this matter.

39. Wherefore, Plaintiff seeks reimbursement of court costs incurred in the trial of this case and thereafter.

#### REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL.

40. Plaintiff respectfully requests that a Jury be impaneled on final hearing of this cause of action.

#### PRAYER.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff respectfully prays that the Defendant be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendant for and such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity, whether pled or unpled.

SIGNED on April 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mark S. Humphreys
Mark S. Humphreys - SBOT #00789762

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Consteance Perry, et al

NAMES OF PARTIES

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MARK S. HUMPHREYS

ATTORNEYS

# BRAZORIA COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK RHONDA BARCHAK

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**Process Request** 

## Please Print All Information Clearly & Neatly

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Nai	ne/Business to be Served:				
1.	Name Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company				
Registered Agent (if applicable) Corporation Service Company					
Address 211 East 7TH Street, Suite 620					
	City, State, Zip Austin, Texas 78701-3218				
2.	Name				
Registered Agent (if applicable)					
	Address				
	City, State, Zip				
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#### Vanessa Zapata

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**Attachments:** 

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Attached you will find the Citation and Petition you requested. Please be sure when you print out the document, that the seal, signature and stamps are on the printed document otherwise it will not be a valid Citation. If you have any questions, please call 979-864-1873. Thank you!

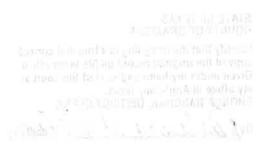
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#### CAUSE NO. 102229-CV 239th District Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS

**CITATION** 

TO: Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company By serving its Registered Agent Corporation Service Company 211 East 7th Street, Suite 620 Austin, Texas 78701-3218 Defendant

NOTICE:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this Citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this Citation and Plaintiff's Original Petition (With Disclosure Request) a Default Judgment may be taken against you. If filing Pro se, said answer may be filed by mailing same to: Brazoria County District Clerk's office, 111 E. Locust, Suite 500, Angleton, TX 77515-4678 or by bringing said answer in person to the aforementioned address.

The case is presently pending before the **239th District Court** of Brazoria County sitting in Angleton, Texas, and was filed on the **15th day of April**, **2019**. It bears Cause No. **102229-CV** and Styled:

Consteance Perry, et al vs.

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company

The name and address of the Attorney filing this action (or Party, if Pro Se) is Mark S. Humphreys, Mark S. Humphreys, P.C., 702 Dalworth Street, Grand Prairie, TX 75050.

The nature of the demands of said Plaintiff is shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Petition accompanying this Citation.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, at Angleton, Texas, on the 7th day of June, 2019.

RHONDA BARCHAK, DISTRICT CLERK Brazoria County, Texas

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#### RETURN OF SERVICE

CAUSE NO. 102229-CV 239th District Court

#### CONSTEANCE PERRY, ET AL VS. MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE COMPANY

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#### CAUSE NO. 102229-CV

CONSTEANCE PERRY AND	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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Plaintiffs	§	
	§	
v.	§	239 <sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	§	
INSURANCE COMPANY	8	
Defendant	8	BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

#### DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company ("Mutual of Omaha" or "Defendant") files this Original Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiffs' Original Petition and respectfully shows the Court as follows:

#### I. GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant generally denies each and every allegation in Plaintiffs' Original Petition.

#### II. <u>DEFENSES AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

Subject to the foregoing, Mutual of Omaha pleads, in addition thereto, the following affirmative defenses:

- 1. Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim for which relief is available under law.
- 2. Plaintiffs' claims are barred for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the subject insurance policy and plan documents.
- 3. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, on the grounds that Mutual of Omaha has discharged its obligations to Plaintiffs.
  - 4. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by virtue of the applicable statutes of limitations.

- 5. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by virtue of the contractual limitations period contained within the Policy.
  - 6. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of laches.
  - 7. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of estoppel.
- 8. Any decision made by Defendant regarding Plaintiffs' claim for benefits, if any, was not an abuse of discretion.
- 9. Any decision made by Defendant regarding Plaintiffs' claim for benefits, if any, was not arbitrary and capricious.
- 10. Mutual of Omaha's interpretation of the terms of the plan documents was reasonable and its claim determination was supported by substantial evidence.
- 11. Any benefit determination made by Defendant with respect to Plaintiffs' claim for benefits, if any, was proper and correct under the terms of the Policy.
- 12. Plaintiffs' claim was properly denied as decedent's death does not meet the policy definition of injury.
  - 13. Defendant asserts that Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages, if any.
- 14. Plaintiffis' claim was properly denied as the decedent's death was not due to loss independent of sickness and all other causes.
- 15. Plaintiff's claim was properly denied as decedent's death was a result of Difuoroethane Toxicity and excluded from benefits under exclusions (h) and (i).
- 16. Alternatively, Plaintiffs' damages, if any, were caused, in whole or in part, by their own acts or omissions.
- 17. Alternatively, Plaintiffs' damages, if any, were caused in whole or part by prior or subsequent acts not attributable to Defendant.

- 18. Additionally, and in the alternative, Defendants assert that Plaintiffs' damages, if any, were solely caused by the acts or omissions of third parties over whom the Defendant had no control or right of control, and for whom Defendant is not responsible at law. To the extent that Plaintiffs suffered any injuries or damages as a result of such parties, such conduct was the intervening and superseding cause of any such damages, which conduct breaks the causal chain between Defendant and the event sued upon. Defendant asks the jury to determine the percentage of responsibility of each person or entity, whether or not joined in this lawsuit, for the injuries and damages about which Plaintiffs complain.
- 19. Additionally, Defendant asserts that Plaintiffs' action is frivolous, unreasonable and without foundation and, as such, Defendant is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees.
- 20. In the unlikely event the Court determines that Mutual of Omaha materially erred in administering Plaintiff's claims for benefits under the terms of the plan and subject policy or applicable law, which is denied, then the Court should remand the claim to Mutual of Omaha for further administrative processing in accordance with such determination before reaching any judicial decision as to Plaintiff's entitlement to benefits.
- 21. In the unlikely event the Court determines that Mutual of Omaha materially erred in administering Plaintiff's claims for benefits under the terms of the plan and subject group policy or applicable law, which is denied, then the Court should remand the claim to Mutual of Omaha for further administrative processing in accordance with such determination before reaching any judicial decision as to Plaintiff's entitlement to benefits.
- 22. Additionally and alternatively, any award of damages to Plaintiff for punitive or other exemplary damages is subject to statutory caps under the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. *See*, *e.g.*, Tex. Civ. Prac. Rem. Code §41.008.

23. Defendant reserves the right to amend its Answer and Affirmative Defenses as may be applicable during the course of this litigation.

24. Defendant requests that Plaintiffs take nothing by their claims and that Defendant be awarded its attorneys' fees and such other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which it is justly entitled.

#### III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company respectfully prays that Plaintiffs take nothing by their claims or any subsequently filed claims, that Defendant recover its costs and attorney's fees, and for such other and further relief, both general or special, at law or in equity, to which Defendant may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

#### WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER, LLP

By: /s/ Linda P. Wills

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT
MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE COMPANY

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was delivered to all parties and counsel of record in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on this the 27th day of June, 2019.

<u>Via e-service</u> Mark S. Humphreys Mark S. Humphreys, P.C. 702 Dalworth Street Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

> /s/ Linda P. Wills Linda P. Wills